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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine

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- Know Your Bible: Answers
1. Jared (Genesis 5:20)

2. Healing the official's son in Cana (John 4:43–54)

3. James, brother of John (Acts 12:1–2)

4. Ehud (Judges 3:15)

5. Balaam's donkey (Numbers 22)

This Week's Assignments & Events			
Sunday Worship		Sunday Afternoons	
Greeter:	Aaron Emerson	Oct 19	3PM Devotionals
Announcements:	Arturo Orozco		
Encouragement Talk:	John Van Baale	Oct 26	3PM Classroom Quarter Change
Opening Prayer:	Tyler Blazek		
Scripture Reading:	Leighton Daniels	Nov 2	Nothing
	Luke 13:10–21		
Song Leader:	John Franks	Nov 9	3PM Special Study: Loving Like God
Table Talk:	Eddie Bowen		
Contribution:	Kevin Buckner		
Helper:	Gary Tuttle		
Fruit of Vine:	Josh Emerson		
Helper:	Aaron Heald		
Helper:	Corwin Richardson		
Closing Prayer:	Kyle Crain		
		Wednesday Evening	
		Song Leader:	John Franks
		Speaker:	Eddie Bowen



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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Lessons From Proverbs (#3)

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and turn away from evil.”
Proverbs 3:5–7

Human nature says to try and figure everything out for ourselves. We have such pride in mankind’s accomplishments and are in awe of the abilities of leading edge science to manipulate our world. Sadly some carry this same manner of thinking into religion and believe they can figure it all out for themselves. Man-made religions can be noting but this.

The instruction of Solomon is to “trust the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” We are to trust God in all that He has told us. Whether you consider the plan of salvation, marriage, or how to get along with others, God has revealed to us the way we are to live. His understanding of this life is much greater than ours and it is foolish for us to think we know more than God. To “lean” on His ways is to depend on them. When presented with a decision we can follow God’s way or our own way – choose to lean on God’s way! To depend on our thinking is to reject God. With all our heart we lean on God’s way. If we follow this instruction we will be sure to please Him.

“In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” Most of us feel like we wear different hats during the course of the week as we go about living life. We fulfill many ‘roles’ as parent, employee, or friend. In each of these ‘roles’ we are to acknowledge God. Our habits and customs, regardless of the surroundings, are to point toward God. Those around us should be able to see God in us and a godly choice in how we go about doing things. This means we can’t be

those who behave one way on Sunday and then differently on Monday! The hypocrite does not acknowledge God in all his ways, just in those he chooses.

The idea of total commitment can be seen in these verses: *“Trust in the Lord with ALL your heart...In ALL you ways acknowledge Him.”* At every moment of our life we should be putting God first. Nothing we do should prevent us from acknowledging God, not if we trust Him with ALL our heart. For example: how are we acknowledging God when we sit in a theatre watching an ‘R; rated movie? How are we acknowledging God when we go to the dance club and have a good time? How do we acknowledge God when we use profanity? It’s easy to see we don’t acknowledge God in these things (and many others). Solomon’s instruction is to give God our heart and then conduct our lives in such a way as to give glory to God. If we do this, *“He will make your paths straight”*. God’s way is the right way. If we allow Him to rule in our life we will be going ‘straight’ as He desires.

Solomon sums up these thoughts saying: *“Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and turn away from evil.”* We are “wise in our own eyes; when we trust in our understanding and choose to do something that does not acknowledge God. We think we know better than God. Christian, do not think you are strong enough to avoid that temptation - fear the Lord and turn from evil. We can think we are such a mature Christian as to not be affected by temptation. We become wise in our own eyes. We lean on our own understanding and choose a crooked path. We fall to temptation. *“Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall”* (1 Corinthians 10:12). The one who thinks he stands is leaning on his own understanding. Instead we are to *“fear the Lord and turn away from evil.”* Remember the power and judgment of God and so turn from those things that do not acknowledge Him!

by Charles Willis

Know Your Bible

Second

1. Methuselah was the longest-lived man (969 years). Who was second at 962 years?

2. Jesus’ first miracle (in John) was the water turned to wine. What was second?

3. Stephen was the first Christian martyr (Acts 7). Who was second?

4. Othniel was the first judge of Israel. Who was second?

5. The serpent (in Eden) was the first talking animal. What was second?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



Characteristics of Love

“Let love be without hypocrisy.” (Romans 12:9)

“Love does no wrong to a neighbor” (Romans 13:10)

“let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.” (1 John 3:18)

“showing tolerance for one another in love” (Ephesians 4:2)

“through love serve one another” (Galatians 5:13)

“speaking the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15)

“For the love of Christ controls us” (2 Corinthians 5:14)

“that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love” (Colossians 2:2)

“put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.” (Colossians 3:14)

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34–35)

“now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.”
(1 Corinthians 13:13).

NOT THIS

Do not work for the food which perishes

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth

Do not be conformed to this world

BUT THIS

but for the food which endures to eternal life

but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven

but be transformed by the renewing of your mind

John 6:27

Matthew 6:19–20

Romans 12:2